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Thanks

- .. those who continue to support the development of our school garden.
- .. those who supported and refereed at this week's senior winter sports tournament.
- .. the wonderful parent who returned to conduct the headlice follow-up check.

People of the week

- .. Ellie for being awarded "Player of the Day" two weeks ago for Matarau Misfits Netball team.
- .. Ariah for being awarded "Player of the Day" for Matarau Misfits Netball team last week.
- .. Charlie received "Player of the Day" for Kamo JB1.
- .. Ethan for receiving "Player of the Year" for Beige Kamo C Grade Cricket team.

Children being "Caught" showing Compassion

- .. Liam (aged 7) for caring for a younger child on the bus each day to Kamo.
- .. Tegan not only showed great compassion but also great leadership when a junior hurt himself. Tegan directed others to get help and applied first aid while waiting.
- .. William for uncomplaining effort in completing his science project on time.
- .. Rose for helping Danielle when she is stuck.
- .. Tahi-Ora who is always nice.
- .. Grace for always helping others.
- .. Garry who always helps when she is stuck at something.
- .. Nathan who always listens to others when a game is being organised.
- .. Michael who helps others when they are doing their work.

CURRENT VIRTUE .. COMPASSION

Let us know if you did not receive your support material.

Please remember to ..

- .. take the time to discuss the attached material with your child(ren) at home.
- .. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives.
- .. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.
- .. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others.

Dental Caravan

Remember that messages for the diagnostic clinic can be left at the school office. Where a message is left, your child should be seen within a week. For more urgent cases please phone the Whangarei Hospital on 4700012.

We are pleased to advise we have received a firm assurance that every child will be seen by the diagnostic team over the coming weeks.

Lost

If anyone has seen/picked up a Whangarei Library Book entitled "The Solar System", dropped outside the School Hall, could you please return it to the School Office.

20 Hour Famine

Thank you to all of those children who participated in this year's Famine - and to those adults who encouraged and supported them. All participants are asked to have sponsor money (and booklets) back at school no later than 24 June please. Please note that, if your child registered for the programme and received a booklet this booklet **MUST** be returned whether or not they took part in the Famine.

Forthcoming dates to note

- .. 6 June Queen's Birthday holiday
- .. 14 June Primary Winter Sports Tournament
- .. 28 June Visit by K.H.S. senior managers to discuss prog / answer questions (7:30 PM in the staffroom)
- .. 1 July Middle School Rippa Rugby Tournament
- .. 5 July Choir to Hurupaki School
- .. 11 July School Science fair
- .. 11/12 July Mid year parent / teacher interviews

Term Overviews

It is our usual practice to send home an overview of term topics in each of terms 2, 3 and 4. We are happy to continue doing this but we are not sure how useful parents find these. This term parents are asked to contact their child's teacher (or the school office) if they would like an overview. Based on your response we will make a determination of whether or not we send these home to all families next term. Term overviews do provide parents with a ready response when your child advises they "didn't do much today .. or that they can't remember what they are doing at the moment" as well as providing the opportunity for parents to get involved where they have a particular strength or interest.

Headlice

Infestation rates this term were higher than usual. Please check your child(ren's) hair weekly and respond quickly in the event of infestation (particularly if headlice were detected this term).

Science FAIR - Senior School

This is a busy time for teachers as they manage and support multiple concurrent projects. Parents can help by checking their child's homework book from time to time to see if extra support is needed. Please contact your child's teacher early if you have any concerns or if your child seems to have "stalled". Self management is an integral component of the New Curriculum but is a big step for some children.

Virtues Club

Our virtues club kids have been busy about the school encouraging their peers (and teachers) to put our current virtue into practice .. If your child has received a "caught being compassionate" card please congratulate them.

Preparation for International Schools English Exam

Children in the English Competition received answer sheets and their first practice papers today. We suggest they do at least one paper over the long weekend and maybe another in the week to follow.

For those new to this programme please note ..

- .. participants will meet periodically at school to discuss progress and address any problems.
 - .. new papers can be accessed when the previous paper is returned.
 - .. parents are asked to assist their children to designate a **suitable time and place** at home for the sitting of tests.
 - .. children are asked to complete a **MINIMUM** of one practice paper each week in the period running up to test day (2 August).
 - .. children / parents may negotiate down regular homework loads in recognition of this additional workload.
 - .. to some degree sample questions and practice activities will be integrated within regular class programmes to assist in the process of preparation.
- Parents should feel free to contact Kevin at any time with questions.

Preparation for International Schools Mathematics Exam

- .. will commence week beginning 13 June.

International Schools Practice Papers

It appears that some practice papers may not have been returned after last year's exams.

It is important that these are returned to school so that sufficient practice papers are available for this year's participants. If you have any papers at home from last year please return these to school next week.

School Contribution

Those who opted for term contributions are asked to pay their term 2 contribution no later than the end of next week please. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

A few wee reminders

.. if dropping off a child in the upper carpark please **pull to the side** so other cars can get through and **be patient if waiting**.

Tutoring – year 7 and 8

English and Maths. 3:45 to 4:30 – 5:00 to 5:45. If interested phone Anita on 4380457.

Community Notices

Free to a good home – A 2yr 5mth old black lab with a little retriever in him needs a new home. His name is Armani, neutered, microchipped and is up to date with all health checks. Loves children, great family dog. Ph Janice on 4594552 or 021731259.

Grazing Wanted – For 2 horses, 1 pony. Ph Lotus 4335808 or 0212465055.

Firewood – Shed dried, ph Neroli 4338185.

Tick Tock Club, Kids Day, 6 June, Guide Tours at 10am, 11.30am, 1.30pm and 3pm. Competitions & Prizes, Claphams National Clock Museum, Town Basin, Whangare, 09 4383993.

School Holiday Cricket Program – 18-27 July, 10-3pm for 2 days, \$30 per day 8-13 yrs. Bellahomes Northland Cricket Centre. Ph 438 2400 or www.northcricket.co.nz

Badminton Open – 3 July at Northland Badminton Centre. Its an opportunity to play against other NZ players or just to come along and watch junior badminton.

Badminton Coaching – If you are 15 and over and interested in learning to become trainee coaches and assisting us with our Junior Schools Programme. The next course intake is 12 June.. Best graduates of our trainee coach programme will gain paid positions. Volunteer and work opportunities from as little as 1 to 10 hours a week. Work in your local area. On-going support and mentoring. No experience necessary.

Eczema Presentation – Practical tips for daily management, Tues 21 June, 7pm, ASB Lounge, ASB Leisure Centre, Western Hills Dr, To register email allergy@allergy.org.nz or call 0800340800 ext 2.

Trivial Pursuit Night – Kamo Intermediate School, Saturday 9th July, 7pm, Lucky spot prizes, raffles, auction, entertainment. \$90 per team of 6. No Door sales, Book at Office 4350343

Kamo JB1 Rugby – are 2 boys/girls short for one of our teams. It's tackle rugby at this grade and probably best if player is 7 or 8 yrs old. Phone Mary Finlayson 4370441.

Cadbury Chocolate – Caramello and Dairy Milk for sale, \$2.50 each. Left over from the School fundraiser.

School Newsletter .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on admin@matarau.school.nz

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Our sponsors support our school. Please use their services when you can.

And Finally

Who was the first underwater spy? James Pond.

Regards

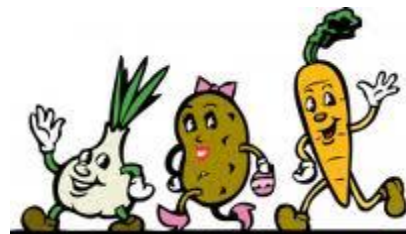
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Garden Club



We would still love to hear from anyone who would like to help out, as the more parents available to help, the more the children will get out of it!

We are also looking for the following items:

- Animal manure
 - Old hay/silage
 - Old carpet
 - Leftover packets of seeds
 - 5L or bigger containers for holding fluid (must not have held anything harmful to plants).
- Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 with offers. Thank you.



Compost for Sale

Fonterra have very generously offered to donate compost for the school garden. They have also donated a large amount for us to sell as a fundraiser for the school.

The compost is made from whey mixed with sawdust, and is great for the garden. Whey provides the soil with minerals such as magnesium, potassium and protein and also improves the overall texture.

We will be selling it for \$30 / trailer load which can be picked up from the yard on Jordan Valley Road. There is an option to purchase 4 large bags for \$20, please indicate below if would prefer this alternative.

Pickup will be available on Saturday 18th June, between 2 and 4 pm.

Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 for more information. Thank you.

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Iwould like to purchase

_____ trailer load(s) of whey compost @ \$30 per trailer OR

_____ bags @ \$20 per 4

Payable to the School Office before pickup (Cheques made payable to Matarau School).

Directions

From Matarau School, turn right onto Rushbrook Rd, go to end, turn right onto Jordan Valley Rd, and turn into first driveway on left.

Annual Matarau School Trivia Night

A meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8th June** @ 7pm in staffroom at school. All welcome - come in & join our other wonderful parents in one of our Schools Majors Fundraisers (Date set for 20th August 2011). See you there, if you are unable to attend but are able to help out, please contact Wendy on 435 4659 or Jane on 433 5967.



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